

CITY OF MUSKEGON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

July 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairperson, D. Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Chambers, L. Spataro, A. Medema, A. Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Hilt, excused; T. Bosma, excused; T. Russo.

STAFF PRESENT: L. Anguilm, H.Griffith

OTHERS PRESENT: H. Sherman, 1347 Peck.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 15, 2004 was made by A. Medema, supported by L. Spataro and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Case2004-21 – Remodeling of addition of west end of house. Applicant: Helen Sherman; 1347 Peck; District: McLaughlin; Class: A. L. Anguilm presented the staff report. The applicant is requesting several things at this time. The back porch, which is in disrepair, needs a foundation established in order to make the entire addition secure. It would be of block construction. The applicant wishes to remove the existing back door and wood steps and put a door and small porch on the north side of the structure. The applicant also wishes to replace the windows in the porch with something proportional to the house. She also wishes to replace the long window in the kitchen (located in the main part of the house) with a smaller window to accommodate some remodeling that is being done in the kitchen. In addition, the applicant would like to replace the small library window on the north side of the house with a larger window to match the front of the home. Staff recommends approval of the construction of a block foundation under the porch addition. Since the door and steps are located on the rear of the home, staff recommends approval of removing the steps and back door, and reconstructing the steps and door on the north side of the porch addition. Staff recommends approval of restoring the library window on the north side of the house by using a window of the same size as on the front of the house. Staff has reservations regarding allowing a smaller window to replace the window in the kitchen, since it would be out of proportion to other windows in the house.

H. Sherman explained that this was part of an addition that was done to the home in 1910. The contractor that she is working with stated that it would be cheaper to rehab what as there as opposed to demolishing it and rebuilding. She described what she would

like to do. L. Spataro asked if the rear porch would be enclosed. H. Sherman stated that it would be open, it would match the front porch.

A motion that HDC approve the construction of a block foundation under the back porch addition for the house located at 1347 Peck Street, was made by A. Brown, supported by L. Spataro and unanimously approved.

A motion that HDC approve the removal of the steps and door on the back of the porch addition and reconstruction of same on the north side of the structure, with the following conditions: 1) The back door opening will be sealed off and sided and painted the same as the remainder of the porch addition. 2) The materials used for the construction of the porch on the north side of the porch addition be compatible with the original structure and, therefore, sided and painted to match the porch addition, was made by L. Spataro, supported by A. Medema and unanimously approved.

A motion that HDC approve the replacement of the windows in the porch addition, with the following conditions: 1) The windows will match the original windows in design and type. 2) The windows will consist of or be painted an appropriate color, was made by L. Spataro, supported by A. Brown and unanimously approved.

H. Sherman explained her need for a smaller window on the Isabella Street side of the home. A. Medema asked what materials would be used. H. Sherman stated that it would match what is currently there. D. Chambers asked if that was the only window in the kitchen. H. Sherman stated that it was. Since she isn't sure what will be needed, if the window size needs to be changed at all, she would be willing to wait until she has something more concrete. L. Spataro stated that he would like to see an attempt be made to keep the window the size it is, but he isn't opposed to shortening it.

A motion that the HDC table the requests to replace the long kitchen window with a smaller window and restoring the library window on the north side of the home to its original size to match the size of the windows on the front of the house, was made by L. Spataro, supported by A. Medema and unanimously approved.

## **OTHER**

Study Committee Meeting Update – L. Anguilm described the first meeting of the study committee for the Boiler Works Property. The commission members discussed the matter.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.